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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

The application of

Docket No: Q58481

Yoshiki TAKASHIMA, et al.

Appln. No.: 09/537,416

Group Art Unit: 1651

Confirmation No.: 6832

Examiner: Irene Marx

Filed: March 29, 2000

For: METHODS FOR PRODUCING OPTICALLY ACTIVE AMINO ACIDS

SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT

ATTN: BOX AF
Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This Amendment is supplemental to the Amendment submitted on March 18, 2003 in response to the Office Action dated December 19, 2002. Review and Reconsideration on the merits in view of the following remarks and amendments is respectfully requested.

A Petition for Extension of Time for one month is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, extending the time for response from March 19, 2003 to April 19, 2003.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 17, 18 and 20 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please enter the following amended claims:

16. (three times amended) A method for producing an optical isomer II from an optical isomer I of an amino acid represented by Formula (1):

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